

APPENDIX A.

Section 9, Levee District Bond Act of California (Cal. Stats. 1917, p. 818).

"Tax to pay interest and principal: Levy and collection: Lien on property: Levy and collection of tax when land situated in more than one county. In addition to any other estimate which the board of trustees may be required by law to make and to submit to the board of supervisors of the county in which said district is situated, the board of trustees, on or before the first day of September of each year, shall certify to the board of supervisors, if said district is situated in one county, but if it comprises lands situated in more than one county, then the respective boards of supervisors of each county within which lands of said district are situated, the amount of interest upon all outstanding bonds to grow due within the said year, and the amount of moneys necessary to redeem any or all outstanding bonds that may grow due in said year. At the time when by law it is the duty of the board of supervisors of said county to fix the annual tax rate of such county, said board of supervisors must levy a tax upon the taxable property situated in such levee district, for the interest and redemption of said bonds, and such tax must not be less than sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds for that year and such portion of the principal as is to become due during such year, and such proportion of the principal that at the end of ten years the sum raised from such levies shall equal at least twenty-five per cent of the amount of bonds issued, at the end of twenty years at

least fifty per cent of the amount, and at and before the date of maturity of the bonds shall be equal to the whole amount of the principal, and the money arising from such levies shall be known as the bond fund, and shall be used for the payment of bonds and interest coupons and for no other purpose whatever; and the county treasurer shall open and keep in his book a separate and special account which, at all times, shall show the exact condition of such bond fund.

Levy and collection: Lien on property. Such tax shall be levied on all property in the territory comprising the district, and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner and form as county taxes are collected, and when collected shall be held by the treasurer for the credit of said district, to be paid by orders of such treasurer issued under the authority of and signed by the president of the board of trustees of said district. Such taxes shall be a lien on all the property within the territory comprising the district, and of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and its collection shall be enforced by the same means and in the same manner as provided for in the enforcement of liens for county taxes.

Levy and collection of tax when land situated in more than one county. In the event the said district comprises land situated in more than one county, then said estimate shall be furnished to the board of supervisors of each of the counties within which said lands of said district are situated. In such case at the time when by law it is the

duty of the board of supervisors of said respective counties to fix the annual tax rate of each county, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of each of said counties respectively to levy a tax upon the taxable property in such levee district as may be situated in said county for the interest and redemption of said bonds, and such tax must not be less in the aggregate than sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds for that year and such portion of the principal as is to become due during such year, and such portion of the principal that at the end of ten years the sum raised from such levies shall equal at least twenty-five per cent of the amount of bonds issued, at the end of twenty years at least fifty per cent of the amount, and at and before the date of maturity of the bonds shall be equal to the whole amount of the principal, and the money arising from such levies shall be known as the bond fund and shall be used for the payment of bonds and interest coupons and for no other purpose whatever. The county treasurer of each county shall open and keep in his book a separate and special account which shall at all times show the exact condition of such bond fund. Such tax shall be levied on all property in the territory comprising the district situated in said county, and shall be collected at the same time and in the same manner and form as county taxes are collected, and when collected shall be held by the treasurer of each of said counties. Upon the first days of January, April, July and October of each year succeeding the date of issuance of said bonds, the county treasurer of each county, other than the county wherein

the larger portion of the lands of said district is situated, shall transmit to the county treasurer of the county in which the larger portion of the lands of said district is situated all sums then in his possession in said bond fund, and the county treasurer of the county in which the larger portion of the lands of said district is situated shall issue his receipt therefor. Such taxes shall be a lien upon all the property within the territory comprising the district, and of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and the collection of said taxes shall be enforced by the same means and in the same manner as provided by law for the enforcement of liens for county taxes. (Amended by Stats. 1915, p. 916; Stats. 1917, p. 818.)"

APPENDIX B.

Section 24, Palo Verde Irrigation District Act. (Cal. Stats. 1923, p. 1067.)

Sec. 24. Paid by Annual Assessment. All bonds issued and the interest thereon shall be paid from revenue derived from an annual assessment upon the land within the district and the improvements thereon, and all said properties within the district shall be and remain liable to be assessed for such payment, as hereinafter provided, in so far as any bonds created or authorized under the provisions of this act are concerned; but with respect to all bonds that have been issued and sold, or which may hereafter be sold, of the said Palo Verde joint levee district and the Palo Verde drainage district, the interest and principal thereof shall be paid from revenue derived from the annual assessment upon the properties within the boundaries of said respective districts, which are taxable therefor under the provisions of said bonds and the acts in pursuance of which they were created.

APPENDIX C.

Section 12, Palo Verde Irrigation District Act (Cal. Stats. 1923, p. 1067).

Sec. 12. Taking over the Properties and Functions of the Palo Verde Joint Levee District. The district is authorized and empowered, through its board of trustees, to take over the properties, property rights and functions of the Palo Verde joint levee district of Riverside and Imperial counties, California, and it shall be the duty of the board of trustees to take the necessary steps for acquiring the same in the following manner:

Upon approval of the property owners, of the creation and organization of this district by a majority vote, at an election to be held for that purpose as hereinbefore provided, and as soon as the organization of the district is complete by the election and qualification of its officers, all of the levees, properties, property rights and functions of the Palo Verde joint levee district above mentioned, shall revert to and become vested in this district, but subject, however, to the rights of the holders of any and all of the bonds or other outstanding claims or evidence of indebtedness of said Palo Verde joint levee district, and the lien of all such bonds and all rights of the bondholders and creditors of said levee district shall be unimpaired and enforceable against the lands and property owners within the boundaries of said joint levee district to the same extent and in like manner as if this act had not been passed, and said district continued to exist; *but provided, however,* that all of such outstanding bonded or other

indebtedness shall be assumed by this district, and the collection of principal and interest may be enforced through this district in like manner as it might have been enforced through the joint levee district, and the board of trustees of this district is hereby authorized and empowered, and it shall be its duty to carry into effect and perform, all of the obligations undertaken by said levee district through this district, and the trustees thereof, for the assessment and collection of taxes for the payment of the principal and interest of said bonds and other indebtedness, and all other obligations and duties in every other respect provided for the protection, payment and liquidation of the principal and interest of the bonded and other indebtedness of said joint levee district.

All bondholders and creditors or other persons having rights or relations with said joint levee district or the trustees or officers thereof are hereby authorized and empowered to deal with the trustees of this district, and to enforce their rights as against this district in like manner as might be done against the joint levee district above mentioned and the trustees and officers thereof, and all notices, demands, tenders or other dealings that might have been had with said joint levee district or the trustees or officers thereof may be made to or had with the trustees of this district with the same force and effect. Likewise, all obligations or duties or indebtedness undertaken or contracted to be paid or performed by any persons, firms or corporations, to or with said joint levee district, may be enforced for or paid to this district with the same force

and effect, and in like manner as undertaken to be performed for or paid to said joint levee district. And this district shall have the right to enforce all rights or obligations which have accrued or may accrue to said joint levee district.

The trustees of this district, as soon as they qualify and are organized as hereinbefore provided, shall take over and become vested with the management of all levees, properties, records, moneys on hand or other assets of said joint levee district, and the trustees of said joint levee district shall deliver all of such property, records or other assets to the trustees of this district, and thereupon said district shall be deemed to be merged in and superseded by this district, and cease to exist except in so far as may be necessary to preserve the rights of bondholders and other creditors; *provided, however*, that all funds or properties which come into the possession or under the control of this district from said levee district shall be expended and used only in connection with the joint levee district work, and for the purposes authorized by the act under which it was created.

The title to all properties of the joint levee district and all property and other rights belonging to or existing in favor of said district are hereby vested in this district, and this district shall have the right to maintain suits or other proceedings necessary for the protection and enforcement of any of the rights of said levee district, and may be sued and shall have the right to defend in like

manner as suits might have been maintained or defended if said levee district had continued to exist.

Upon the taking over of the property and affairs of said levee district, the board of trustees of this district is authorized and empowered, and it shall be its duty, to proceed as rapidly as may be practicable with the necessary construction work for the improvement, extension and better protection and preservation of the water system, the lands and inhabitants within the district, against overflow of flood waters from the Colorado River, and to maintain and operate the same to the end of preventing if possible a repetition of the devastating floods of previous years. In that behalf and for that purpose the board is authorized to cooperate with the United States government, the government of the state of Arizona, or of the state of California, or any other public agencies, departments, districts or private concerns, or individuals, in any joint project that may be undertaken for straightening or changing the course or the channel of the Colorado River or keeping the same within its levees and banks, provided the board of trustees deem it advisable to do so.